Printing of currency notes by Private Sector Company

2610. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow printing of currency notes by a controversial Indian Company in association with an Australian Company;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposal has been recommended by the Reserve Bank of India; and

(d) if so, the reasons for allowing a private sector company to enter in such a sensitive area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHEPATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Investment in manufacturing and mining by Public Sector, Private Sector Companies

2611. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister, of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total investment made by Public Sector Companies visa-vis Private Limited Companies in manufacturing and mining during 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) what were the profits made by the respective sectors before and after tax payment in the said years; and

(c) what were the provisions made for depreciation and interest, sector-wise in those years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHEPATIL): (a) to (c): *Public* Sectorlnformation so far as Central Public Undertakings are concerned is available inTable 5.4 and Statement 4 and 5 ofVolume I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1997-98 and 1998-99 which were laid in the Rajya Sabha on 26.2.1999 and 15.3.2000 respectively and are published document.

Private Sector. As per the estimates of National Accounts Statistics, investment measured by Gross Fixed Capital Formation which includes